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Mr. Van der Goes van Naters came to see Stan Cleveland and myself this morning. We went over the Saar question in considerable detail. He says the Sarrois themselves are inclined to support in some important particulars the German contentions. He feels one of the chief difficulties lies in the pride of authorship of Maurice Schumann in his own paper. He believes the Council of Europe report on this subject forms the only practicable basis of discussion.

Martin Herz, having recovered from an operation on his back, returned here last week and called on me this morning. He has taken up again some of his parliamentary contacts and reports a deterioration in National Assembly sentiment toward ratification of the EDC. He is decidedly skeptical as to the intention of the present French Government vigorously to prosecute this affair.

I talked to Volney Hurd, of the Christian Science Monitor, on the telephone and his view, cryptically expressed, was along the same lines as Herz's.

I had a sandwich downstairs, then went out with the Hugheses to meet Secretary Dulles. His plane landed about 4:30. While awaiting it, I had a chat with Georges Bidault on Madame de Pompadour and Louis XV. We found we had both recently read the chapter in Saint Beauve on the death of Louis XV, which is a striking commentary on the transitory nature of human honors. Bidault, as is his wont, had several witty things to say on the subject, comparing the lot of a present French Cabinet Minister with that of a dying French King.

Dulles and Bidault both made short speeches at the airport.

I motored back with the Hugheses and Doug MacArthur to the Embassy residence. There I talked for a short time with Bob Bowie and arranged to meet him tomorrow.

Tonight, unable to attend the dinner the Dillons are giving for the Secretary because of Evangeline's illness, I went with Marcel Colas, the owner of the La Michodière Theatre, and Guy de la Tournelle to attend the opening of "Voici le Jour", in which the premier roles were taken by Yvonne Printemps and her

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